

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 491

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PUBLIC PRINTING. Provides relative to the official journal. (8/1/26)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 43:81, 43:81 as amended by Acts 2025, No. 374, and R.S. 43:147.1, relative to the official journal of the state; relative to compensation for printing; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 43:81 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§81. Official journal of state

A. The printing of advertisements, public notices, proclamations, and all public notices and advertising to be done by the legislature, or the executive or other departments and institutions of the state government, shall be published in a daily newspaper **or on a website established and maintained by the commissioner of administration** to be known and designated as the "Official Journal of the State". **Any newspaper shall meet the qualifications of R.S. 43:140(3) or R.S. 43:142(2) through (4) and be selected by competitive bid at the publication rates set in R.S. 43:147.1,** ~~which newspaper~~ **Newspapers** shall have and possess the following qualifications:

- (1) It shall possess the periodicals class mailing privilege.

1 (2) It shall be published in and have a general circulation in Louisiana.

2 (3) It shall have been so published at least once per week for a period of not
3 less than two years prior to the time that it is awarded the contract as the Official
4 Journal of the State, as provided in this Chapter.

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6 §147.1. Compensation for printing; per character

7 A. The parish and municipal governing authorities and school boards of this
8 state ~~may~~ **shall** have their official proceedings and public notices published by
9 contract, compensation for which shall not exceed the amounts provided by this
10 Section unless agreed to by both parties in writing. Payment may be made monthly
11 or quarterly at the option of the governing authority or school board.

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13 Section 2. R.S. 43:81 as amended by Acts 2025, No. 374, is hereby amended and
14 reenacted to read as follows:

15 §81. Official journal of state

16 A. Advertisements, public notices, proclamations, and all public notices and
17 advertising to be done by the legislature, or the executive or other departments and
18 institutions of the state government, shall be published **in a newspaper or** on a
19 website established and maintained by the commissioner of administration to be
20 known and designated as the "Official Journal of the State". **Any newspaper shall**
21 **meet the qualifications of R.S. 43:140(3) or R.S. 43:142(2) through (4) and be**
22 **selected by competitive bid at the publication rates set in R.S. 43:147.1.** Except
23 public notices required by the Constitution of Louisiana, the legislature may publish
24 any advertisements, public notices, or proclamations on the legislature's website.

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26 Section 3. The provisions of Section 2 shall become effective on July 1, 2027.

